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FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF JUDGES' DECISION
IN YUN PIL- YONG COURTMARTIAL APRIL 28. TEXT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO
REPORTERS AT THE TRIAL.

BEGIN TEXT. THE HIGHEST ASPIRATION OF OUR GENERATION LIVING
TODAY IS TO ACHIEVE THE INDEPENDENT UNIFICATION OF OUR DIVIDED
FATHERLAND AND TO BUILD A LAND OF MATERIAL ABUNDANCE.

THEREFORE, FOR OUR GENERATION CORRUPTION AND DESTRUCTION OF
NATIONAL HARMONY ARE WORSE PUBLIC ENEMIES THAN COMMUNISM.

PARA. INDIGNANT THAT OUR PRECEDING GENERATION INDULGED IN
FACTIONALISM AND CORRUPTION, GIVING OUR NATION A BAD RE-
PUTATION, WE HAVE LONG BEEN DETERMINED TO CORRECT THE
SITUATION AND TO LEAVE A HERITAGE OF NATIONAL HARMONY AND
MATERIAL WEALTH TO OUR POSTERITY.

PARA. WE HAVE BEEN MARCHING FORWARD TO WRITE A NEW CHAPTER IN
OUR HISTORY HOLDING HIGH THE BANNER OF MODERNIZATION OF
OUR FATHERLAND AND UNIFICATION OF OUR RACE SINCE THE 1960' S.
THIS MARCH WAS FURTHER ACCELERATED BY THE OCTOBER REVITALIZATION,
WHICH SEVERELY DEALT WITH ALL DISTURBING AND INEFFICIENT

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SOCIAL ELEMENTS AND WHICH ENGAGED THE SUPPORT OF EVERYONE FROM

THE PRESIDENT DOWN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

PARA. THUS THE TASK OF REVITALIZATION IS MAKING REMARKABLE
PROGRESS DAY BY DAY AND WE SEE WITH HOPE THAT THE DAY OF
FULFIN TWO WADI' S NEAREST RAF STATION SALALAH AND
MOUNTAIN FOLK IN VICINITY HAVE BEGUN COME IN FOR FOOD AND SUPPLIES.
PLANS NOW BEING MADE ESTABLISH NEW GARRISON POINT IN CENTRAL
SECTOR FOR MONSOON SEASON. BOTH SIDES EXPECTED REDUCE ACTIVITY
DURING MONSOON AS IN PAST YEARS.
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PARA. ON THEIR SHOULDERS WERE STAR INSIGNIA MADE OF WHITE
GOLD, AND THEY POSSESSED MANY MORE WHITE GOLD INSIGNIA THEY HAD
BEEN GIVEN AS DIRTY BRIBES. THE DEFENDANTS ABANDONED THEMSELVES
TO DISSIPATION, ENJOYING THEMSELVES WITH PROSTITUTES AND LOOSE
WOMEN. ALL THE WHILE THEY SPOKE OF PATRIOTISM AND REVITALIZATION
IN FRONT OF THEIR LOYAL SUBORDINATES WITHOUT A TWINGE OF CON-
SCIENCE. IF ONE THINKS OF THIS, THEY MUST BE PUNISHED AS
CALLOUS ROGUES INCAPABLE OF FEELING SHAME, EVEN MORE THAN AS
TRANSGRESSORS AGAINST THE LAW.

PARA. THE MILITARY IS ORGANIZED FROM AMONG THE NATION' S SONS TO
DEFEND THE NATION AND TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE
PEOPLE. SO OFFICERS MUST OBTAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THEIR SENIOR
AND RESPECT AND TRUST FROM THEIR MEN. OFFICERS MUST FOLLOW
HEAVEN' S WAY AND WIN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE. HOWEVER, THE
DEFENDANTS NEGLECTED THESE NOBLE EXPECTATIONS OF THE NATION AND
THE PEOPLE. THEY WERE BLINDED BY SELF- INTEREST AND GREED. THEY
THOUGHT ONLY OF PROMOTIONS FOR THEIR OWN GROUP AND ILLEGAL
COLLECTION OF MONEY. AS I MENTIONED ALREADY, THEY MUST BE

PUNISHED AS A PUBLIC ENEMY OF OUR GENERATION.

PARA. THE OCTOBER REVITALIZATION IS OUR NATION' S SUPREME GOAL AND IT IS A GREAT PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE LIFE OF THE NATION. WITHOUT PUNISHING THOSE WHO TRANSGRESS AGAINST THE REVITALIZATION, IT WILL NOT REACH FRUITION. ALTHOUGH IT MAY UNCLASSIFIED

LLMENT OF OUR GENERATION' S DREAM IS NOT FAR OFF.

PARA. I, THE CHIEF JUDGE, AND THE ASSOCIATE JUDGES IN CHARGE OF THIS CASE WERE SHOCKED TO FIND THAT THE DEFENDANTS AWAITING THE DECISION OF THIS COURT ARE GENERALS AND OFFICERS IN TOP ECHELONS AND IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN THE ARMY WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO LEAD OTHERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST VICES OF PREVIOUS GENERATIONS AND WHO THEMSELVES WERE CORRUPTING ELEMENTS.

PARA. THE DEFENDANTS OF THIS CASE COMMITTED DREADFUL OFFENSES BY LEADING THE OFFICERS WHO FOLLOWED THEM TO FORM A PRIVATE GROUP WITHIN THE ARMY, THEREBY DISTURBING THE MILITARY COMMAND CHANNEL AND ERODING COMBAT CAPABILITY AND SPIRITUAL MORALE. IN ADDITION, ACTING AGAINST THE SOLDIER' S CODE OF CONDUCT AND MISUSING THEIR POSITIONS, THEY WORKED TO ENRICH THEMSELVES, COLLECTING SEVERALHUNDRED MILLIONS OR SEVERAL TENS OF MILLIONS OF WON IN A SHORT PERIOD THROUGH IMPROPER DEEDS, COMMITTING HEINOUS CRIMES AND DISCREDITING THE MILITARY.

PARA. WORSE, THEY EXTORTED MONEY FROM PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN THROUGH INTIMIDATION AND BLACKMAIL, USING THEIR MILITARY BACKGROUND, AND THEY INDULGED IN SENSUAL PLEASURES. WE FIND THEIR ACTIONS ANTI- SOCIAL, ANTI- REVITALIZATION, AND OPPOSED TO THE MOVEMENT FOR SOCIAL PURIFICATION. THEY CONSTITUTE HEINOUS CRIMES UNEQUALLED IN THE HISTORY OF OUR ARMED FORCES.

PARA. THE DEFENDANTS APPLIED PRESSURE IN VARIOUS WAYS TO OBTAIN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN PROMOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD FOR SOLDIERS BELONGING TO THEIR PRIVATE GROUP, THEREBY DAMAGING THE MORALE OF THE LARGE MAJORITY OF OTHER OFFICERS AND MEN. THEY SPREAD THESE PRACTICES TO OTHER BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES. TURNING A DEAF EAR TO THE DAILY CRY OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE FOR " TRUE MODERNIZATION AND TRUE REVITALIZATION BY UPROOTING CORRUPTION AND INJUSTICE" THEY ENGAGED IN ACQUIRING ILLICIT FORTUNES. AS MEN IN UNIFORM THEY LIVED IN LUXURIOUSLY APPOINTED MANSIONS WORTH SEVERAL TENS OF MILLION WON AND THEY HIRED EMPLOYEES INCLUDING SOLDIERS MORE NUMEROUS THAN THEIR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD. THEY OWNED AS MANY CARS AS THEY HAD FAMILY MEMBERS. THEY SPENT MORE THAN HALF THEIR TIME EACH WEEK PLAYING IN HIGH CLASS BROTHELS. HOW WAS IT POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THEY FELT NO PANGS OF CONSCIENCE?

PARA. WITH THE MASK OF A HUMAN AND THE SOUL OF A BEAST THEY LIVED A LIFE OF PLEASURE, OUTDOING THE DEFENDANTS WHO WERE EXECUTED IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS SCANDAL IN 1951.

PARA. THE DEFENDANTS FEIGNED UNLIMITED POWER IN ACCUMULATING THEIR FORTUNES AND ENJOYING HIGH LIVING. THEY EMPLOYED

EVERY TRICK TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE MILITARY. WHEN THERE WAS A DISASTROUS FLOOD LAST SUMMER WHICH ALL KOREAN PEOPLE STILL REMEMBER, THE "D" EVENING NEWSPAPER (NOTE: TAEHAN ILBO) COLLECTED VAST QUANTITIES OF MONEY AND GOODS FOR RELIEF OF FLOOD VICTIMS. A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF IT WAS EMBEZZLED BY THE NEWSPAPER COMPANY PRESIDENT. A CERTAIN INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY DETECTED THE TRUTH AND STARTED TO SEARCH. DEFENDANT YUN PIL- YONG UPON THE REQUEST OF THE NEWSPAPER COMAPNY PRESSURED TH INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY TO SUSPEND INVESTIGATION.

PARA. THE DEFENDANT ALSO PRESSED A BANK TO MAKE A LARGE LOAN TO A SPECIFIC PERSON ILLEGALLY, SO THAT HE MIGHT RECEIVE THE GRAFT. HE ARRANGEDFOR A REGULAR ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL TO BE EDITORIAL WRITER AND PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF A NEWSPAPER, DECEIVING THE NEWSPAPER MANAGEMENT BY SAYING " HE IS A MAN BEING FOSTERED BY THE BLUE HOUSE." THE MAN KEPT THE SAID POSITION FOR THIRTEEN MONTHS, AND HIS ABSENCE FROM DUTY WAS COVERED BY YUN. (NOTE: SUBJECT IS DEFENDANT YU KAP- SU.)

PARA. BESIDES THE ABOVE, YUN HAD BROKERS SPREAD THE WORD THAT " WITHOUT KNOWING GENERAL YUN YOU CAN' T DO BUSINESS IN KOREA." THUS, YUN RECEIVED SCORES OF MILLIONS OF WON AS GIFTS, USING NUMEROUS MEANS TO ACQUIRE AN ILLICIT FORTUNE.

PARA. WHAT WAS WORSE WAS THAT SOME OF THE DEFENDENTS USED VIOLENT LANGUAGE AND RESISTED THEIR SENIORS, DISREGARDING RANK AND MILITARY ORDER.

PARA. THE DEFENDANTS ALSO EMBEZZLED PUBLIC FUNDS, INCLUDING A PRESIDENTIAL GRANT FOR BETTER FOOD FOR OFFICERS AND MEN DURING THE MARTIAL LAW PERIOD LAST YEAR. THEY COLLECTED SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION WON EACH BY ILLEGAL MEANS AND LOANED TENS OF MILLION WON AT AN ILLEGALLY HIGH RATE OF INTEREST. THUS, THEY SUCKED THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE PEOPLE. NOT RESPONDING TO THE NATIONAL POLICY OF AUG 3 LAST YEAR, THEY DID NOT REPORT THEIR LOANS TO THE AUTHORITIES, BUT CONTINUED TO COLLECT EXHORBITANT INTEREST FROM THE BORROWERS.

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